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Sirs,

I am the technology coordinator for Pioneer Regional School Corporation and am the person responsible for filing all forms for e-rate discounts. Our entity number is 130500.

I am requesting a waiver to allow my school district's Form 486 for Funding Year 2003 to be accepted long after the deadline has passed in order to allow the district to receive the full amount of our discounts.

The form in question was supposed to be submitted in June of 2003 in order to obtain discounts for the 2003-2004 funding period. I had the form completed but was waiting for my superintendent's signature. For whatever reason, the form never got submitted on time.

I learned of this on November 10, 2004 when one of the companies who provides service to us called to say they were unable to receive their reimbursement because the Form 486 hadn't been filed. All along I had thought that everything was OK because this company had been discounting their service to us in anticipation of receiving reimbursement.

Now my district is in the position of having to repay approximately \$6000 to cover my mistake. We are a small district and are on a very tight budget. Having to repay that amount of money will place an extreme financial burden on our budget.

I have since filed the Form 486 in slim hopes of receiving some relief, but that relief will be very minimal. I am appealing to you not to force us to try to come up with \$6000 to repay what we thought would be covered by our discount. Please do not punish our district and our students for a foolish oversight on my part.

I would be more than willing to speak with someone regarding this matter. Please feel free to phone me at (574) 643-3145 ext. 362. You could also contact me via e-mail at pokorneyj@pioneer.k12.in.us

Sincerely yours,



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